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DATA CONVERTING APPARATUS AND METHOD,

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CONTROLLING APPARATUS AND METHOD, PRINTING SYSTEM AND METHOD, AND DATA TRANSMITTING

METHOD

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 22, 2003, please amend the abovereferenced application as follows: